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Reply under 37 CFR 1.116 - Expedited Procedure - Technology Center 1762

In response to the Office Action dated April 17, 2006, Applicant submits the following amendments, remarks and enclosed Supplemental 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 Declaration.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 7.